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**Listing of Claims:** 

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method for increasing a retrievable cell amount in a

breast duct the steps of:

applying vibration to a breast duct sufficient to induce cell sloughing within said

breast duct and;

collecting said sloughed cells from said breast duct;

wherein applying vibration to said breast duct increases the retrievable amount of cells

collected from said breast duct.

Claim 2 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is produced by

ultrasound.

Claim 3 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is applied to said

breast duct either externally or internally.

Claim 4 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is combined with heat

and/or massage.

Claim 5 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said retrievable cell amount is

collected through ductal lavage.